



## A.M.I.E.CO announces the first Trauma Care Congress to take place in April

Staff members of Aruba's Horacio E. Oduber Hospital along with Chief Administrator Dr. A. Boesten and Bob Harms of public relations was proud to announce this week that there will be a two-day training congress conducted at the Radisson Resort and Casino in Palm Beach next month.

The staff members attending the press conference to outline the concentrated program dedicated to all aspects of trauma care are the board of **AMIECO**, the **Aruban Medical Innovation and Education Conferences**. Consisting of seven medical specialists and headed by Chairman Esther Mennen, their purpose for this congress is to "offer clinical benefits for every critical care professional...and a well-rounded perspective on the latest advances and treatments in acute conditions."

The Trauma Care Congress, which will take place on Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21, will host an international roster of speakers from Holland, Aruba, and the United States that will be conducting seminars and workshops for various disciplines during trauma care. Topics will include "The ABC Method in Trauma Care; Airway, Breathing and Cervical Spine," "Fluid Therapy and Blood Management," "Massive Hemorrhage and Blood Saving Techniques," Neuro-trauma-What are Priorities?" just to mention a few.

The list of scheduled speakers include Doctors T.P.H. Van Thiel, V. Meeusen, G. Stapper, M. Dielis, and Professor A.A.J. Van Zundert of Holland. Aruban doctors making presentations during the congress will be Doctors. O. Anaya, Internist, J.G. Lacle, Neurosurgeon, I. Posner, Anesthesiologist, A. Ponson, Surgeon, B. Croes, Internist, and E. Weststrate, family doctor and specialist in barometric traumas. Mrs. J.A. ten Hulscher, part of the Trauma Center of the South Carolina Hospital's medical university will speak on "Nursing Care of the Pediatric Trauma Patient."

The First Trauma Care Congress will run for two full days; 8:30 in the morning until 5:00 in the afternoon, ending with a congenial social gathering to allow attendees to discuss what they had learned that day and talk to the lecturers. The cost of the congress is 375 Aruban florins (\$215,) which is an all-inclusive price for workshops, and meals. The second day will end with a demonstration of a rescue by SARFA, the Search and Rescue Foundation of Aruba, with the participation of the Coast Guard of the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba. Afterwards, a closing party with the popular local band "Tsunami" will take place at the Radisson Resort.

Ludmilla Croes, Sponsor Coordinator for the event encourages all emergency response personnel to take part in the congress, which will include "hands-on" workshops with the latest technology in practice dummies. Members of the police force, Red Cross, hospital workers, the owners and crews of tourist boat charters and SCUBA instructors, are all invited to attend this essential and informative congress. More information about it and subscription forms can be found by visiting their website: [www.amieco.org](http://www.amieco.org) or by calling telephone # 587-4300.